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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7995**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 376

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 10, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 9, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Drug-Free Schools Policy Exception; Evaluation of School Principals.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Self-Administered Medication*- This bill provides that a school corporation's discipline policy must allow a student with an acute or chronic disease or medical condition to possess and self-administer medication that must be administered on an emergency basis while the student is on school grounds or off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event if the student's parent files an annual authorization that includes a written statement from the student's physician for the student to self-administer the medication.

It prohibits a school from sending medication home with a student. It specifies individuals to whom medication may be released. It allows a school to send medication home with a high school student if the student's parent has given written permission.

It provides that a school or school board is not civilly liable for damages as a result of self-administration in compliance with the law except for gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

*Principal Performance Evaluation*- It provides that a school principal's performance evaluation may not be based wholly on Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP) scores of students in the principal's school, but the scores may be used as one factor in the evaluation.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) Upon Passage; July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill provides that a school or school board is not civilly liable for damages as a result of self-administration in compliance with the law except for gross negligence

or willful and wanton misconduct. Consequently, local school corporations may face less exposure to civil lawsuits in certain situations.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**